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SUBJECT: B.P. KOIRALA'S MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT JUNE 8

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1. AT PUBLIC FUNCTION JUNE 12 I HAD OPPORTUNITY
TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER BISTA OF B.P. KOIRALA'S
MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 8 AS REPORTED REFTEL.
I GAVE BISTA NAMES OF PEOPLE B.P. HAD SEEN AND GENERAL
TENOR OF THESE MEETINGS, ADDING THAT NEPALESE
EMBASSY HAD CHARACTERIZED KOIRALA'S RECEPTION AT THE
DEPARTMENT AS UNFRIENDLY ACT. BISTA TOOK IT ALL IN
BUT HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE.

2. COMMENT: FOR TIME BEING, I BELIEVE MATTER HAS
BEEN SATISFACTORILY CONTAINED, BUT IF
KATHMANDU RUMOR MILL GOES TO WORK AND B.P.'S
SO-CALLED FRIENDS HELP FUEL THESE RUMORS FOR THEIR
OWN PURPOSES, I EXPECT WE WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT
THIS EPISODE. ACCORDINGLY, IN ORDER TO DEAL
WITH QUESTIONS HERE ABOUT B.P.'S ACTIVITIES
AND UNDERSTAND THEM BETTER, APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT KEEPING US FULLY INFORMED
ON ANY FURTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN B.P. AND USG
OFFICIALS AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS MEETINGS ON HILL,
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WITH JOURNALISTS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

3. EMBOFF CALLED JUNE 13 ON MRS. BINDYA SHAH, UNDER SECRETARY FOR AMERICAS IN MFA, FOR MORE DETAILED REVIEW OF B.P.'S CALLS IN DEPT. MRS. SHAH TOOK NOTES BUT HARDLY APPEARED CONCERNED ABOUT TREATMENT EXTENDED TO B.P. FYI IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER SHE HAD HEARD

FROM NEPALESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON -- PROBABLY NOT -- BUT AT VERY LEAST IT WAS EVIDENT THAT SHE DID NOT CONSIDER DEPT'S ACTIVITIES AS "UNFRIENDLY ACT". END FYI HECK

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